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(b) laterally blowing ammonia gas against the falling droplets so that the surfaces of the falling droplets are substantially evenly gelled in a substantially spherical shape,

wherein the ammonia gas is [blown from at least one nozzle disposed on a ring interior and, if necessary, at least one nozzle disposed on a ring exterior] carried through a narrow pipe which is laterally directed at the falling droplets and positioned a distance below the opening of said droplet nozzles;

(c) allowing the falling droplets to drop into an aqueous ammonia solution and coagulate to form substantially spherical aluminum oxide beads;

(d) collecting the aluminum oxide beads from the aqueous ammonia solution.

In each of claims 20, 21, 22 and 23, at line 2, please insert -- oxide -- after "aluminum".

Please add new claims 26 and 27 as follows:

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-- 26. The process of claim 19, wherein said droplet nozzles are arranged annularly and the ammonia gas is laterally blown against the falling droplets from the interior of the annular arrangement of the droplet nozzles.